GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – PR&RD Department – Initiation of Disciplinary proceedings against Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District – Allegations on acted against the orders of the Commissioner, PR&RD and showed disobedience to the higher authorities in violation of the conduct rules - Under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal), 1991 – Initiated - Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.921 **Dated:28/12/2023**
Read:

From the Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Lr.No.1738873 /CPR&RD /G1/2022, dated:18/01/2023.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District, for posting Sri M.Satyaprasad, Panchayat Secretary Grade-I to Payakaraopet on deputation even after imposing major penalty for the irregularities committed by him, while working in same Gram Panchayat i.e., Payakaraopet and non implementation of the punishment orders against the Panchayat Secretary imposed by the disciplinary authority.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District is directed to submit her written statement of defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this orders shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District (With a request to serve the order on the charged Officer and furnish acknowledgment with dated signature for record).
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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(PTO for Annexures)

ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SMT. V.KRISHNA KUMARI, FORMER DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICER, DR. BR AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT

Article of Charge1:

That Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema District has acted against the orders of the Commissioner, PR&RD and showed disobedience to the higher authorities in violation of the conduct rules as she has posted Sri M. Satyaprasad, Panchayat Secretary Grade-I to the same Gram Panchayat i.e., Payakaraopet on deputation even after imposing of major penalty by the Commissioner, PR&RD on him in a disciplinary case during the year 2021 for the irregularities committed by him while working in same Gram Panchayat i.e., Payakaraopet. Thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article of Charge 2:

That Smt. V.Krishna Kumari, Former District Panchayat Officer, Visakhapatnam District, presently working as District Gram Panchayat Officer, Dr.BR Ambedkar Konaseema District has not implemented the orders of the Commissioner, PR&RD imposing major penalty under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri M. Satyaprasad, Panchayat Secretary Grade-I and not even communicated the penalty imposing orders to him. Thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article of Charge 3:

In Hon'ble Lokayukta, a complaint No. 773/2017/B2 was filed regarding unauthorized constructions in Payakaraopet Gram Panchayat during the period of Sri M. Satya Prasad, Panchayat Secretary Grade-1 and the Hon'ble Lokayukta has sending reminders frequently on action taken report. The Lokayukta case is still pending due to non-implementation of punishment orders issued to the Panchayat Secretary. Hence, the District Panchayat Officer shown dereliction of duties in implementing the orders of the higher authorities and to submit the action taken report. As a result action taken report could not submit to the Hon'ble Lokayukta in the above complaint. Thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. V.KRISHNA KUMARI, FORMER DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICER, DR. BR AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT

Final orders were issued to Sri M Satya Prasad Panchayat Secretary Gr-I, Payakaraopeta Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Visakhapatnam awarding major punishment of stoppage of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect vide procgs no.1176209/CPR&RD/B1/2015 dt.25.12.2021. The individual has not taken i.e., neither for communication of orders to the charged officer nor implementation of orders in the disciplinary case against Sri M Satya Prasad, Panchayat Secretary Gr-I, Payakaraopeta Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Visakhapatnam. Lokayukta complaint No. 773/2017/B2 is involved and the Lokayukta case is still pending due to non-implementation of punishment orders issued to the said Panchayat Secretary.

Hence the District Panchayat Officer shown dereliction of duties in implementing the orders of the higher authorities Even the disciplinary case against Sri M Satyaprasad, Panchayat Secretary Grade-I pending, she has posted the individual to the same Gram Panchayat i.e., Payakaraopet during the year 2021 on deputation, where the irregularities taken place by the individual while working in Payakaraopet GP.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. V. KRISHNA KUMARI, FORMER DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICER, DR. BR AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Lr.No.2022, A dt:07 05 2022 of the Dist Integrated Child and Women Development Officer Anakapalli District.
2. Procgs No. 1176209/CPR&RD/B1/2015, dt:25.12.2021 of the Commissioner, PR&RD.
3. Progs No.250018/2020 E1, Dt.: .09.2020 of the District Collector(P.W.), Visakhapatnam.
4. Complaint to Hon'ble Lokayukta, for no action taken on the concerned for unauthorized layouts, dt.08.03.2017.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. V. KRISHNA KUMARI, FORMER DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DISTRICT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICER, DR. BR AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

NIL

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